IN 1874 WHITTAKE KEESMEY AUTHORIZED HIS BROTHER, OTIS M. TO BUILD A HOUSE AND CORRAL NEAR FORT DAVIS FOR TRADING IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND LIQUOR. IN 1876 LOUIS CARDS LEASED A 200 FOOT SQUARE PLOT FOR A STAGECOACH STATION. AFTER CARDS DEATH IN THE 1877 SALT WARS THE KESEYS OPERATED A MERCANTILE BUSINESS IN THE TOTAL COMPLEX. IN 1906 A.F. PESCARCE WAS HIRED TO REPLACE THE "MAIN PORTION" OF THE ADOBE STRUCTURE WITH A STONE BUILDING "TO HAVE A BASEMENT, HAND-OPERATED FREIGHT ELEVATOR AND A COAL SHUTE." THE BUSINESS BECAME THE UNION TRADING COMPANY IN 1909, AND BY 1913 THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE STORE HAD BEEN CLOSED WITH A VENEER OF MATCHING STONE.


THE 19TH CENTURY BUILDINGS HAVE ADOBE WALLS AND WOOD FRAMED ROOFS, AND SHOW EVIDENCE OF REPEATED MODIFICATION. THE 1874 ADOBE BUILDING HAS LOAD BEARING WALLS, AND WELL-CRAFTED LONG-LEAF PINE WOODWORK.

THE 1906 S'HOL STRUCTURE HAS CAST STONE DETAILS. THE ROOF TRUSS HAS SINGLE BOARDS SPANNING 30 FEET. THREE STRENGTHENED TRUSSES HELD AN ORIGINAL WOOD BALCONY WITH IRON RODS. THE BALCONY WAS REDUCED AND THE STAIR MOVED FROM THE EAST TO WEST WALL. A WALL SEPARATING THE EAST (POST OFFICE) WING HAS BEEN REMOVED.

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